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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to and including Monday, October 21, 2002 for responding to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- [X] Two checks in the total amount of **\$400.00 (\$ 290.00 and 110.00)** are enclosed herewith.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (**Billing No. 207311.0060**) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
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